

JOINT STATEMENT
BETWEEN
THE MINISTRY FOR MARINE AFFAIRS OF THE FRENCH REPUBLIC
AND
THE MINISTRY OF MARINE AFFAIRS AND FISHERIES OF THE REPUBLIC
OF INDONESIA
ON
DEVELOPING AN INDONESIA-FRANCE
MARINE AND FISHERIES COOPERATION PROGRAMME

Jakarta, 8 June 2021

1. During the official visit of the Minister for Marine Affairs of the French Republic Annick Girardin to Indonesia on 6th to 11th June 2021, Minister for Marine Affairs and Fisheries of the Republic of Indonesia Sakti Wahyu Trenggono and Minister Annick Girardin have discussed agenda on enhancing bilateral cooperation in the field of marine and fisheries, particularly towards achieving a sustainable marine and fisheries development in Indonesia.

2. Minister Sakti Wahyu Trenggono emphasized the desire to foster closer links with the French Republic on endeavours to advance the prosperity of Indonesian fisherman and fish farmers through efforts which include advancing sustainable utilization of marine and fisheries resources through the efficient usage of technology, improving the quality of Indonesia's fisheries commodities and ensuring sustainable fisheries management through upgrading of fishing ports, as well as developing measures and monitoring tools for marine management.

3. Minister Annick Girardin highlighted the common responsibility for France and Indonesia, considering each country's possession of vast marine space with rich biodiversity, to work together with a strong determination to realize the targets of Sustainable Development Goal 14 – Life below Water.
4. Both Ministers declared their intention and commitment to implement and contribute to the deepening of France-Indonesia strategic partnership by strengthening bilateral marine and fisheries cooperation between the two ministries, with possible engagement from relevant stakeholders in their respective countries. This cooperation will be followed up within the scope of the France - Indonesia Bilateral Maritime Dialogue.
5. The two Ministers have committed to pursue concrete implementation activities for the agreed areas of cooperation:
 - a. Combating IUU Fishing, and developing Maritime Domain Awareness;
 - b. Eco-fishing ports development, and integration of fishing ports and international fish markets;
 - c. Blue economy, marine conservation and management, including its real-time monitoring tools and system;
 - d. Optimizing and managing blue carbon from marine and coastal ecosystems, particularly mangroves and sea grass;
 - e. Enhancing fisheries/aquaculture productivity and revenue while protecting marine ecosystem through technology;
 - f. Promoting investment, and marketing of fish products;
 - g. Prevention and mitigation of disease outbreak and contamination in fishery product, and fish product quality control;
 - h. Improving knowledge of our marine environment and securing its use by implementing an advanced marine meteorology and earth/ocean observation (winds, waves, currents and water colour) system;
 - i. Sharing an appropriate use of space technologies or space-based services in the fields of ecological monitoring of marine ecosystems, management and control of fisheries and marine activities,

surveillance of exclusive economic zones or marine protected areas including tracking of illegal activities;

- j. Fighting all forms of pollution in maritime spaces, particularly plastic pollution;
 - k. Launching joint research and capacity-building, including scholarships, training, mentoring and tailor-made courses.
6. The two Ministers welcomed the signing of the Letter of Intent (LoI) on the Development of Eco-Fishing Ports in Indonesia between the Agence française de Développement (AFD) and the Ministry of Marine Affairs and Fisheries of the Republic of Indonesia, and encouraged the implementation of its program starting in 2022 onwards.
7. To ensure the implementation of marine and fisheries cooperation and to monitor progress of the commitment under this Joint Statement, the two Ministers have agreed to conduct regular discussions including with relevant stakeholders.

**Minister for Marine Affairs
The French Republic**



Annick Girardin

**Minister for Marine Affairs and Fisheries
The Republic of Indonesia**



Sakti Wahyu Trenggono